

them, your presence will sweeten and gladden the whole life of the home.

Such gleanings are not mere trifles. The hearty laugh, the act of heroism, the little glimpses into other lives, all have their mission, and bear many a message of hope and encouragement that the messenger does not know.

For Mothers

Children need models more than criticism.

To bring up a child in the way it should go, travel that way yourself.

The sooner you get a child to be a law unto himself, the sooner you will make a man of him.

We can never check what is evil in the young unless we cherish what is good in them.

Stories first heard at a mother's knee are never wholly forgotten, a little spring that never dries up in our journey thru scorching years.

Line upon line, precept upon precept, we must have in a home. But we must also have serenity, peace and the absence of petty fault-finding, if a home is to be a nursery fit for heaven's growing plants.

There are no men or women, however poor they may be, but have it in their power by the grace of God to leave behind them the grandest thing on earth, character; and their children might rise up after them and thank God that their mother was a pious woman, or their father a pious man.—Dr. McLeod.

Our Young People

THE FATHER'S CARE

Matthew 6 : 25-34, Psalms 103 : 13, 14.

Topic for Sunday, July 6

HOME READINGS

Mon. June 30, "He careth" I Pet. 5 : 1-7
Tues. July 1, "Our burdens" Ps. 55 : 16-23
Wed. " 2, "Who provideth"? Job 38 : 31-41
Thur. " 3, "Praise the Lord" Ps. 147 : 1-9
Fri. " 4, What faith is. Heb. 11 : 1-6
Sat. " 5, Blessed trust. Jer. 17 : 5-8.

Only gradually has God revealed himself to the world. The people of Old Testament times knew God as the Almighty, wondrous in power, and as Jehovah their special helper as a people, but it remained for Jesus to reveal him as the universal Father whose care is constant and without respect of persons.

It is the thought of God as a Father, with infinitely more than the love of an earthly father that the soul, weary of sins and sorrows of life, can find peace and rest. The scriptures which testify of this blessed truth will therefore be welcome to all of us. Let us mark them and learn them that they may cause abiding comfort.

SCRIPTURE HELP

What God does for us as Father or Son or Spirit.

- 1 Phil. 4 : 13, He strengtheneth.
- 2 I John 1 : 7, He cleanseth.
- 3 I John 2 : 27, He teacheth.
- 4 II Cor. 1 : 4, He comforteth.
- 5 I Pet. 5 : 7, He careth.
- 6 Rev. 1 : 5, (R. V.) He loveth.

7 Heb. 7 : 25, He ever liveth to make intercession.

Note that all these scriptures are in the present tense indicating that God is continually doing these things for us if we allow him.

Call to mind other things which show the Father's care.

TOPICS FOR TALKS

- 1 Is God's care individual or only general? John 10 : 14.
- 2 Is God's care withdrawn in the time of adversity?
- 3 What proofs outside of the Bible have we of the Father's care?
- 4 What should be our attitude toward God in view of his loving care?
- 5 What is the cause and what the cure of worry?
- 6 How may we frustrate the Father's care?
- 7 In what ways is God like a Father?
- 8 In what ways is God more than a Father to us?
- 9 How may we show trust in God?
- 10 How can we get those who are ungrateful for the Father's care, to love and trust him?

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Christian Life

No Sweeter Word

"I will not leave you desolate."—John 14 : 18 (Rev. Ver.)

No sweeter word than this can find a tongue,
When strength and courage fail with harp unstrung—

"I will not leave you desolate;"
A precious word which poets love to sing,
To trembling age a word most comforting—
"I will not leave you desolate."

When loving friends and social joys depart,
And troubles come to overwhelm the heart—
"I will not leave you desolate;"
When night is coming on that hides the sun,
And weary limbs remind you "day is done"—
"I will not leave you desolate."

O blessed word! I hear it once again—
The service ended—as a sweet "Amen"—
"I will not leave you desolate;"
Ling'ring a while until the Father call,
I catch the vanishing recession—
"I will not leave you desolate."

—Rev. W. T. Sleeper.

PERSONAL WORK

EDWARD BYERS

I would that we might have constantly before us in burning letters the words of truth as expressed by one inspired by song and apply it as individuals in church and Sunday school work.

"Each separate star seems nothing,
But a myriad scattered stars break
Up the night and make it beautiful."

Each separate worker filling his little place in the fields of sin cannot pierce with rays of light the darkness, but if each member constituting the church and Sunday school should take up the work, how soon would all lands be radiant with the light shed abroad thru the life of Christ.

We get the impression from God's word and thru experience that difference in environment and difference in talent and capacity fits us for a different work individually. But we are duty bound to do the work in God's vineyard of souls he has divinely endowed us with the power to do.

But before talent must be consecration. In the 12 chapter of Romans we read: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." It is well to die for Christ and his cause, but it is more noble to live for him. Again, "For as we have many members, and all members have not the same office, so we being many are one body in Christ and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophecy, according to the proportion of faith; or ministry let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth on teaching; or he that exhorteth on exhortation."

If we cannot be a Moody and go down to the dens of vice and misery and spiritual death and bring armies of young folk to the Sunday school and eventually to Christ, we can find some spiritually neglected soul in our own community and bring it to light. If we cannot be a Judson, with the steadfastness of a Paul, and lay the foundations of a Christian civilization for an empire, we may find a secluded spot in our own fair land where the story of the cross has never yet been told. If we cannot, like Moody, give new life to many thousands, we may brighten the road for a few burdened souls. If we have not the grand eloquence of a Whitfield, a Robert Hall or a Chalmers, we can speak with eloquence to a small audience—our associates and friends. If we have not the magnetic influence of a Drummond to wield the wand of power over our student bodies, we may have the intimate acquaintance of two or three to change the course of their lives. But we as individuals in personal work must have preparation to grasp the opportunities, to shoulder the responsibilities, to use with power the Word of God. Preparation intellectually and above all spiritually, before we can hope to do the most effectual work.

We may not wonder that Moody's audience was as clay in the hands of the potter on the occasion of his preaching a sermon on the compassion of Christ when imagination pictures this dauntless worker for God lying on the floor of his study, his face in his Bible weeping as a child. Christ's love for men was real to him.

Then let us by thoughtful consideration for the wandering ones and the little ones, thru deed as well as word, and by an ever-increasing love for souls consecrate our powers and our influence to bringing all to Christ.

Our weapons for fighting the battles against Satan are the Word of God—sharper than a two-edge sword—and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, thru whose power we may be guided into all truth. If we would be armed with these weapons to do effectual work we must be the exponent of all that is best in humanity.

As the boy who admired the great stone-face in Hawthorne's story became at last the